

## Brightwood House

Things I have done to the house and when they were done

Installed large deck	1996
Installed propane stove in living room which heats house and even heats living room when there is no power which cadet heaters won't do	1996
Installed 10 solatubes which visually increased size of house by about a third. In the winter if there is sun the living room is full of light and bright and cheerful because of south facing living room window and large solatube at opposite side of room	2000-2003
Installed glass fronted kitchen cabinets which increased storage space	1997
New roof	2000
Tiled kitchen counter and entryway, upgraded kitchen sink and faucet	1999
Painted outside of house	2003
Replaced hot water heater with top of the line no rust heater	2006
Replaced dishwasher	2001
Painted interior of house	2008
Added a sidewalk down garage side of house and wrapped around back of deck to eliminate stepping from deck into mud	1996

I have done many other things to the house including extensive landscaping but these are the things that I feel make it more attractive and liveable. The roof, painting and water heater are expensive things a new owner would not have to worry about doing.

Following are some of the things that I enjoyed about this house.

No house across the street or behind. This not only gave more privacy but offered in front an unobstructed view of the hills in the distance. Also because the builder removed all trees from the front yard there was lots of light in the yard and coming into the house through living room window. It also made it possible to grow roses which I enjoyed.

2. Floor plan of house. A person can enter the home by the front door and go to any room in the house without disturbing people in the living room. I liked the large kitchen and the fact that it is open enough to the living room that I could interact to some degree with guests while cooking. I used the bedroom behind the living room as a TV/guest room and because the door opened to the kitchen I did not feel as though I was in a bedroom down a hallway. The master bedroom was large enough to accommodate a king size bed as well as other furniture and the sliding glass door opening onto the deck and the mirrored closet doors made the room visually much larger. I installed the closet doors, sliding door in addition to the deck. The sliding door off the bedroom onto the deck made it easy for guests on the deck to access a bathroom without going clear through the house. I used the back, small bedroom for an office. The kitchen has lots of storage and a pantry and broom closet.
3. I enjoyed every part of the yard. The deck was great for entertaining, barbecues or reading the Sunday paper by oneself. Because of the fencing and the ivy wall on the east side of the yard there is privacy from neighbors (who are very nice). I had set up different sitting areas in the yard and used them all either with friends or by myself. The boulders in the yard are a really interesting feature.

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*Also there is a security system.  
It is not being used now but  
could be.*